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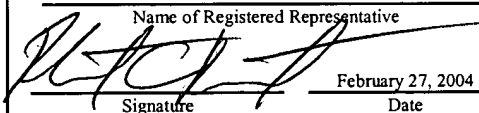
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in a Distributed Object  
Environment

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as indicated below.